ST Students

Under the scheme of Coaching & Allied, grants-in-aid is given to the NGOs/States/Autonomous Bodies for providing Coaching to the ST students for Competitive exams. It is need-based scheme. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides grants-in-aid to the NGOs/State Govts./ Universities after receiving complete proposal and Utilization Certificate of the previous grants.

During 2006-07, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has given wide publicity of the scheme through National dailies on 01.05.2006 for eliciting good response. The details of grants-in-aid released to the NGOs/State Govt. from 2002-03 to 2005-06 are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Grant-in-aid released to the State Governments/NGOs under the scheme of coaching and allied for ST students from 2002-03 onwards

(Rs. in Crores)

Allocation for 10th Plan	2002-03			2003-04			2004-05			2005-06			2006-07		
5.58	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.
	1.00	0.95	0.25	1.00	0.85	0*1.00	0.40	0.5	876	1.00	1.00	0.795	1.50		

*Complete from States/Universitles/NGOs were not received.

Recognition as Scheduled Castes to Bengali community in Uttaranchal

2084. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 1528 and Unstarred Question No. 1313 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August and 5th December 2005, and state:

(a) whether Government had considered at any stage to bring a comprehensive Bill to accord recognition to Namasudra, Pod, Majhi and other castes to which displaced persons from erstwhile East Pakistan belonged as Scheduled Caste in States other than West Bengal;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government (in chronological order) to give effects to the proposal to include the above communities as Scheduled Caste as recommended by the State Government of Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) In accordance with Article 341(1) of the Constitution, specification of a community as Scheduled Caste is State/ Union Territory specific and the proposal of a concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration is considered in accordance with approved modalities. Accordingly, the proposal for inclusion of Namasudra, Poundra and Majhi communities in the list of Scheduled Castes recommended by Government of Uttaranchal in their letter dated 01.08.2002, was referred to Registrar General of India for comments on 21.08.2002. Since Registrar General of India in their letter dated 26.12.2003, did not support, the proposal was referred back to the State Government on 30.12.2003.

Inclusion of castes as Scheduled Castes

†2085. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Government have sent recommendation to the Central Government regarding inclusion of some castes such as Mallah (Neshad) Kevat Kahar, Nunia, Tatma, Turaha, Nai, Kharwar Kanu, Bathan, Bherihar in the list of Scheduled Castes few years back;

(b) if so, the Government's approach towards the Bihar Government's recommendations;

(c) whether Central Government are contemplating to give Scheduled Caste status to the above mentioned castes;

(d) if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) The Government of Bihar recommended inclusion of Noniya, Nai, and Kanu communities in the list of Scheduled

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.